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Minutes – KHPAB Meeting of August 15, 2006

Board Members Absent:

- Commissioner Sandy Praeger

All Remaining Board Members Present

- Also present were Dr. Ray Davis and Rob Kaplan, Board members pending Senate confirmation

Board Staff Present:

- Dr. Marci Nielsen, Interim Executive Director
- Dr. Andy Allison, Deputy Director
- Scott Brunner and Program Administrators, KS Medical Assistance Programs

Legal Counsel Present:

- H. Philip Elwood

Call to Order – Welcome

Chair Connie Hubbell called the meeting to order, welcomed the Board members and guests, and reviewed the agenda.

Approval of Executive Committee. Garen Cox, Chair of the Governance Committee announced recommendations for the Executive Committee membership to include Connie Hubbell, Chair; Joe Tilghman, Vice-Chair; Susan Page, Secretary.

- **ACTION:** Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Executive Committee membership to include: Connie Hubbell, Chair; Joe Tilghman, Vice-Chair; Susan Page, Secretary.

Approval of Legislative and External Communications Policy. The Board members reviewed the draft communications policy which addressed agency protocol for inquiries from legislators, media, vendors and stakeholders (see handout). Several minor edits were noted.

- **ACTION:** Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Legislative and External Communications Policy to include the suggested edits. Agency staff will distribute the final corrected policy to the Board members.

Status of Senate Confirmations. The Senate Oversight Committee, chaired by Senator Derek Schmidt, is scheduled to confirm appointments for Dr. Marci Nielsen, Dr. Ray Davis, and Rob Kaplan on September 12, 2006; additional appointments by the Governor's Office will be confirmed at this time also.

Presentation by Mr. Reggie Robinson, CEO, Kansas Board of Regents

Mr. Robinson presented an overview of the membership, governance issues, structure, and meeting schedule of the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR).

Board Membership. There are nine Board members appointed by the Governor, one from each congressional district; membership consists of former legislators, community college representatives, board endowment representatives and other interested parties.

Governance Issues. The Board governs six universities, i.e. sets tuition, hires chancellors, approves programs

and set policies. The Board submits an agency budget to the Division of Budget annually, meets with the Governor/staff, and advocates with legislators. KBOR is a policy-making board, setting policies with the regents and students; it delegates management to the regents.

Structure: Standing committees include: Fiscal and Audit; and Academic Affairs; in addition there is a Council structure at each university to include a Council of Business Officers, Chief Academic Officers, and Systems. These Councils make recommendations to the President; the President refers recommendations to the full Board for consideration.

Meeting Schedule. The Board does not conduct meetings in July; a retreat is held in August to set agenda for the upcoming year; then monthly meetings September through June are held. The monthly meetings are structured for a two-day period, beginning at noon on Day 1 and adjourning at noon on Day 2.

A brief question-and-answer session was held following Mr. Robinson's presentation; inquiries related to maintaining neutrality on issues presented by the Governor and legislators; Board membership; and the Board meeting schedule. Chair Hubbell closed by thanking Mr. Robinson for his presentation and information shared with the group.

Updates from Dr. Andrew Allison, Deputy Director

Administrative Appeal – Request to Reconsider Final Order -Medicaid Transportation Provider. Dr. Allison explained that the administrative appeal process is another new process assumed by the full Board once the Authority became effective 7-1-06. He provided background on an administrative appeal submitted by a Medicaid transportation provider, along with the provider's additional request for the Authority to reconsider the previously-issued Final Order on the case. Dr. Allison stated that this issue had been discussed by the Governance Committee members, with Phil Elwood and with agency counsel, so that a recommendation could be provided to the full Board at today's meeting. After review of the case, the Governance Committee concurred with the previous Final Order and recommended that the request to reconsider the Final Order dated June 29, 2006, be denied.

- **ACTION:** Motion was made, seconded and carried to deny the request to reconsider the Final Order dated June 29, 2006.

Review of Budget and Performance. Dr. Allison reviewed the budget documents (handouts) with the Board. The documents included a FY 2007 Expenditure Report through July 2006; as well as numbers of Kansas Medical Assistance Plans (KMAP) beneficiaries and KMAP expenditures by populations groups. There was discussion on the Finance Committee's meeting status and its plan to compile a financial summary for the full Board review. Ned Holland, Finance Committee Chair, advised that the Committee recognizes the critical importance of reporting structure; that the Committee is scheduled to meet again in September; and that protocols are being developed to assist the Finance Committee to include the development of a detailed reporting methodology as well as additional fiscal and operating reports.

FY 2007/2008 Legislative and Budget Initiatives by Dr. Marci Nielsen

Overview of Summary of Initiatives. Dr. Nielsen explained that a number of agency initiatives had been summarized (handout), which included description of initiative, population served, cost estimate, and staff recommendation. These proposals were developed based on: relevance of policy/program to the needs of Kansans; balance between programs/policies that increase access, improve health quality, increase health/wellness, and improve affordability/efficiency.

Accompanying Spreadsheet – Explanation of Categories. An accompanying spreadsheet was also distributed, which outlined the programs/policies and associated costs. These proposals were categorized by: Supplemental Requests for FY 2007; Enhancement Requests for FY 2008 for Programs/Policies and also for Studies; Non-State General Fund proposals for FY 2008; and finally those for Funding Consideration for FY 2009.

Process for Board Review and Final Vote. Each proposal was reviewed and voted upon by the Board. Each proposal will be revised to reflect the final Board Action and will be distributed to the Board. These recommendations will be included in the agency budget submission later this fall.

KHPA Submission of Reduced Resources for FY 2007/2008

Chair Hubbell advised the Board of the requirement for all state agencies to include with its budget submission a 5% reduced resources list as well. She advised this list had not been prepared for today's meeting but that agency staff will be developing such a list within the next several weeks. Chair Hubbell suggested that the

Executive Committee be given the authority to review and approve the reduced resource list.

- **Action:** Motion was made, seconded and carried for the KHPA Executive Committee to review and approve the 5% reduced resource document based on current allocations for FY 2008, to be included in the agency budget submission. This list will be distributed to the full Board for their final review and consideration.

Public Comments

- Gary Brunk, CEO, Kansas Action for Children, spoke to the Board about the proposal to expand children's health insurance through Healthy Kansas First Five. He was pleased to see this proposal included for Board consideration and asked for the Board's continued support.
- John Peterson, Lobbyist, requested clarification on the proposed funding for the Community Health Record pilot project. Clarification was provided by the Board on its action to approve FY 2007 supplemental funding but not to end the project at the end of FY 2007 but instead revisit this project again for funding in six months.

Next Steps for the Board

- Report from the Finance Committee at the September 19th Board meeting.
- Report by KDHE on the expanded Immunization Study will be provided at the September meeting.
- Joint Cabinet Agencies (KDOA, SRS, KDHE) Budget Proposals for review at September meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned. The next Authority Board meeting is September 19, 2006, 8:30 to 3:30, at the Hayden Building lower level conference room, 212 West 8th, Topeka Kansas.

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